

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph [0015] with the following paragraph:

[0015] At the time of compression and ejection of the briquette B, the briquette B is pushed by the pressure applying main cylinder 95 while an outer peripheral surface of the briquette B is firmly urged against an inner peripheral surface of the sleeve ~~84~~91. For this reason, the inner peripheral surface of the sleeve 91 is susceptible to frictional wear and, when in the last, a gap between an outer peripheral surface of the sub-piston 92 and the inner peripheral surface of the sleeve 91 increases to a size in excess of a limit, either the grinding sludge will blow off during the compressing operation, or the sludge will solidify within the gap between respective outer peripheral surfaces of the pistons 92 and 93 and the inner peripheral surface of the sleeve to such an extent that the coolant cannot be drained satisfactorily, resulting in difficulty in completing the compression of the grinding sludge.